



Nickerson State Park

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All programs are free and open to the public unless otherwise noted. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Reasonable accommodations are available upon request. Daily Parking Fee: \$8 MA Vehicle, \$10 non-MA Vehicle.

September 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Kidleidoscope: Fabulous Fish 10:00am – 11:00am Stroll by the Bay 5:00pm – 6:30pm	2 Off the Beaten Path: Higgins Pond 1:00pm – 3:00pm Night Walk 7:00pm – 8:30pm	3 Nature Exploration 9:00am – 10:30am Creature Feature 1:00pm – 3:00pm
4 Off the Beaten Path: Cliff Pond 1:00pm – 3:00pm	5	6	7	8 Early Birding 8:00am – 9:00am Ride the Rail Trail: Boat Meadow Creek 10:30am–12:00pm	9 Off the Beaten Path: Keeler Pond 1:00pm – 3:00pm Night Walk 6:30pm – 8:00pm	10 Nature Exploration: Grassy Nook Pond 1:00pm – 2:30pm Heritage of NSP 6:30pm – 7:30pm
11	12	13 Heritage of NSP Brewster Library 7:00pm	14 Heritage of NSP 6:30pm – 7:30pm	15	16 Off the Beaten Path: Little Cliff Pond 1:00pm – 3:00pm Night Walk 6:30pm – 8:00pm	17 Watershed Vitality of an Atlantic White Cedar Swamp 9:00am – 10:30am The Quality of our Water Depends on the Ground 1:00pm - 2:30pm
18	19	20	21 Ride the Rail Trail: Pleasant Lake Village 10:00am–12:00pm	22 Early Birding 8:00am – 9:00am Nature Exploration: Flax Pond Rocks 1:00pm – 2:30pm	23 Off the Beaten Path: Secret Side 1:00pm – 3:00pm Night Walk 6:00pm – 7:30pm	24 Salt Marsh Surroundings 1:00pm – 2:30pm Heritage of NSP 6:00pm – 7:00pm
25	26	27	28 Ride the Rail Trail: Pleasant Lake Village 10:00am–12:00pm	29 Early Birding 8:00am – 9:00am	30 Off the Beaten Path: Silas Road 1:00pm – 3:00pm Night Walk 6:00pm – 7:30pm	

Program Descriptions

Kidleidoscope	A program especially for pre-school children (ages 3-6) and an adult caregiver to share together. We will discover the fish of Nickerson State Park by exploring the world around us through hands-on specimens, creating a fun craft to take home with you, and listening to a story that relates to the day's theme. Meet at the Nature Center. Rain or shine.
Early Birding	Learn to identify birds by sight, sound and behavior. We will concentrate on shorebirds when we visit Crosby Beach and woodland birds at Fishermans Landing. Either way you will leave with the skills to have a deeper appreciation for bird watching. This program is available to all ages and level of ability. Bring binoculars if you have them and we have them if you don't. For adults and children 8+. Cancelled in the event of rain. September 8: Meet at the end of Crosby Lane. September 22: Meet at the end of Crosby Lane. September 29: Meet at Fisherman's Landing, 2 miles in from the park entrance to the left.
Ride the Rail Trail: Boat Meadow Creek	Join us for a level 5 mile round trip bike ride along the Cape Cod Rail Trail. We will learn about the Cape Cod Branch Railroad and visit the scenic Namskaket Creek and Boat Meadow Creek area. If you like, you can stay behind for lunch in Orleans center. Meet at the Nature Center. Bring water. For adults and children 12+. All participants must wear a helmet. Cancelled in the event of rain.
Ride the Rail Trail: Pleasant Lake Village	Come along and ride the Cape Cod Rail Trail to Pleasant Lake Village and learn about the history of the Old Colony Railroad and how it relates to the birth of the commercial cranberry industry in America. 10 miles level trip. Bring water. Meet at the Nature Center. For adults. All participants must wear a helmet. Cancelled in the event of rain.
Stroll by the Bay	Get your feet wet while exploring the inter-tidal zone of the Brewster flats of Cape Cod Bay. Leisurely fun for the whole family. Bring a net if you have one (we have some for the kids) and please wear shoes that can get wet. No bare feet. Park at the end of Crosby Lane and bring insect repellent. Cancelled in the event of rain. No parking fee.
Salt Marsh Surroundings	Explore the salt marsh surroundings of Namskaket Creek. We will follow the barrier beach to the creek and see, up close, the nature of this inland salt marsh, learn about the barrier beach that protects it, and walk back along the tidal flats of Cape Cod Bay. Meet at Crosby Beach at the end of Crosby Lane. Bring a water, insect repellent, and please wear shoes. Cancelled in the event of rain. No parking fee.
Off the Beaten Path Hikes	Join the Park Interpreter for a fun and informative hike through the lesser known areas of Nickerson State Park. Bring water, and wear appropriate shoes for hiking 3 – 4 miles. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Cancelled in the event of rain. September 2: Meet at the entrance to Area 7 all the way to the end of Nook Road. September 4: Meet at the end of Flax Pond Road. September 9: Meet at the Nature Center. September 16: Meet at the end of Flax Pond Road. September 23: Meet at Fisherman's Landing, 2 miles in from the park entrance to the left.

	September 30: Meet at Fisherman's Landing, 2 miles in from the park entrance to the left.
Night Walk	Learn how to rely on our own night vision while we explore how nocturnal birds and animals use their other senses to survive at night. We'll stargaze into the beautiful Brewster night sky at the end. No flashlights/cell phones to be on during this walk and bring insect repellent. Meet at Fisherman's Landing, 2 miles in from park entrance. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Cancelled in the event of rain.
Nature Exploration	<p>Naturalist led walks for the whole family exploring a different nature theme and its related habitat throughout Nickerson State Park. Bring water and insect repellent. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Cancelled in the event of rain.</p> <p>September 3: Meet along Nook Road 1 ½ miles past the park store to the left just around the very sharp curve heading towards Area 6. Interpreter will be visibly waiting there.</p> <p>September 10: Meet along Nook Road 1 ½ miles from park store just around the very sharp curve to the left. Interpreter will be visibly waiting there.</p> <p>September 22: Meet at the picnic area parking ¾ mile down Flax Pond Road.</p>
The Heritage of Nickerson State Park	Join the Park Interpreter for this narrated slide show and learn all about the history of Nickerson State Park from Fieldstone Hall and Bungalow Estate to the Crosby Mansion and how they all connect. Meet at the amphitheater. Park at Area 1 overflow parking lot along Deer Park Road. Cancelled in the event of rain.
Watershed Vitality of an Atlantic White Cedar Swamp	<p>Explore the enchanting habitat of an Atlantic white cedar swamp and learn how protected watersheds provide vital land area for rain and snow melt to percolate back into the ground and recharge our sole-source aquifer.</p> <p>Meet at the overflow parking lot along Deer Park Road ¼ mile past the park store to the left. For adults and children 10+. Cancelled in the event of rain.</p>
The Quality of our Water Depends on the Ground	We'll learn a little about DCR's recent alum treatment of Cliff Pond and then walk the woodland trail to explore the land that surrounds the pristine waters of Ruth Pond. For adults and children 10+. Meet at Fisherman's Landing, 2 miles in from the park entrance to the left. Cancelled in the event of rain.
Creature Feature	Learn all about creatures like mammals and turtles that call Nickerson State Park home. We will have bones, shells, furs and more for a hands-on demonstration. Meet at Flax Pond Beach ¾ mile down Flax Pond Road to the right. Park in the parking area and walk up and over the small hill to the beach. Cancelled in the event of rain.